



The JOURNEY

A monthly publication of Living Faith Lutheran Church

Volume #6

July 2021

Issue #7

A Disciple's Path (Part 1 of 4)

Stewardship is something Living Faith needs to start talking about. With the permission of the ELCA monthly magazine, Living Lutheran, I thought I'd use their article on Stewardship as the basis for getting our discussion going. The next three parts will be in the August, September and October Journeys.

Mention "stewardship" at church and you're likely to see a lot of eyes rolling and hear some deep roars—just before people bolt for the door with one hand on their wallets and checkbooks. That's because, in too many congregations, "stewardship" has become a cheesy euphemism for "We want your money."

It's a shame too. As our church's traditional offering prayers express, stewardship lies at the very center of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

"Stewardship is everything we do after we say, 'I believe,'" said Clarence Stoughton (1895-1975), who served as executive secretary of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship and as secretary of stewardship for the United Lutheran Church in America, an ELCA predecessor. An internationally known educator, Stoughton served as president of both Wagner College, New York City, and Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio.



His definition of stewardship, which has become something of a mantra for Christian stewardship leaders in North America (just Google it), becomes clear when two key elements are understood.

First, a "steward" is a person of authority who is entrusted with the duty of managing and caring for another person's property. More than a mere employee, a steward is endowed with a great degree of autonomy, trust and responsibility.

For example, in Jesus' parable in Luke 16:1-13, the steward misuses his power and changes the amounts due on his master's accounts payable. Christians know him as "the dishonest" steward because he betrays his master's trust and cheats him for his own gain.

Second, Stoughton's definition relies on the biblical understanding that everything in creation, even our lives, belongs to God. No exceptions.

Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:15 describe how God created human beings in the divine image and put us

We gather together as a community of faith to proclaim God's love and minister to our congregation, the community and the world.

in charge of what God has made. Thus, we are stewards—caretakers, managers, supervisors—given a high degree of authority and autonomy, but also commensurate responsibility. Our task as stewards represents a sacred trust and solemn duty. We carry it out in everything we think, say and do after we say, “I believe.”

This idea of faithful stewardship should ring familiar to Lutherans, who hear the traditional offering prayer in the weekly worship liturgy of our standard hymnals, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006) and the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (1978). An in-depth exploration of these prayers reveals the life-giving connection between stewardship, offering and discipleship.

The wording is slightly different between the two hymnals, so what follows is a compilation of the best of both.

Living Faith Financial Picture - May 2021



Avg. Weekly Attendance:	N/A
Total Year to Date Income:	\$146,463.26
Total Year to Date Expense:	\$165,596.94

MEMBER NEWS & UPDATES

Names in the News

Nonagenarian Birthdays: Happy Birthday to **Rosemary Fritchen**, who will be turning 97 on July 13th and **Patricia Mortensen**, who will be turning 91 on July 21st. May the good Lord continue to bless them with many more joyful years!

Baptism: **Quinten Peter Willger** son of Ryan and Melissa Willger was baptized on June 12th with Michelle and Chris Paulson as the sponsors. Welcome to our newest member!



Condolences

Heartfelt love, sympathy and support to wife, Wanda Hansen (nee Ramsey), daughters Lise Hansen and **Elizabeth Kegel (Christopher)**, grandchildren **Evan Kegel and Natalie Kegel**, brother Ronald Hansen, and dear friends at the death of **Thomas Hansen** who passed away on March 23, 2021.

Heartfelt love, sympathy and support to daughter, Rosalund (Dennis) Winkler, son, Steve (Eileen) Fischer, daughter, Cynthia (John) Hennegan, 13 grandchildren; Lisa Portale (Gina Guenther), Jason (Marci Bruley) and Nicole Winkler, Kyle, Nicholas and Kevin (Amanda) Fischer, Jeannette Brown, Heather and Linda Sura, Marcus, Jeremy and Jonathan Hennegan, Melissa Holewinski, Trish Winkler and Randy Portale, 33 great grandchildren, 4 great great grandchildren, brother Jerry (Val) Oshesky, sister-in-law Carol Oshesky, brother-in-law Robert Schultz, best friend Mary Ann Westman and dear friends at the death of **Wilda Ann Tresider** who passed away peacefully at home one June 14, 2021.

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” Psalm 116:15



Known to be Hospitalized

Hospitalizations: Ejner Lee (Laurie Belter’s husband). Cards can be mailed to 3900 N. Main St. Apt 110, Racine, WI 53402 and Doreen Stelmack at Ascension in Racine, WI.

Strict patient confidentiality rules prevent the hospital from notifying the church if you or a loved one is hospitalized. *If you’d like a pastoral call/visit, please let the church office know.*

Council Highlights - June 2021

1. The call team has started to meet. They are requesting prayers from the congregation as they do their work.
2. Through a Synod grant and a generous anonymous donor, we will soon be getting more live streaming equipment.
3. Several congregational teams are looking for more members including the Tech Team, Usher Team, Communion Assistants, and Altar Guild. The Funeral Luncheon Team will also need to be rebuilt. They are asking interested persons to sign up on the "Yellow Sheet" or call Candy in the church office.
4. The council has received inquiries about when Coffee Hour can once again become a regular event. It was decided that clear guidelines as to what is expected of volunteers for set up, donating treats, and clean up need to be created.
5. Preparations for the special worship service on June 27th honoring the West Campus are being completed.
6. We are facing a very serious shortfall in our of-

Please pray for the Call Team

Call Team: Bob Reinders, Joy Webb, Kristie Cushman, Tom Isaacson, Chuck Frahm, and Karin Langlois

1 Corinthians 1:10 – Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. (New Revised Standard Version)

Pray for unity among the members of the Call Team. This work has many potential areas for disagreement, both small and big. Unity is essential for the team. If they are not united, when the time comes, they will struggle to settle on a pastor to call.

ferings. Various ways to keep the congregation informed of our financial needs in a timely manner were discussed.

7. Building & Grounds: Quotes are still being clarified regarding the west parking lot sinkhole, parking lot restriping needs to be done, some of the needed tuck pointing has been completed, and eventually, some of the older bathroom fixtures need to be updated and replaced.
8. A list of Memorial Gift Suggestions was requested by a member. It has been created and will be published soon.
9. It was suggested that we restart the Noisy and AIM Offerings.

Worship Opportunities!

Join us for In Person Worship!

Services are held at 9:30 am Sunday mornings at 2915 Wright Avenue. We hope you will join us!

Online Worship Opportunities

Live Stream on Living Faith Facebook Page:

- ◆ Go to: facebook.com/livingfaithracine

Services are broadcast in real time on Sundays at 9:30am, if you're not ready to join us in person. (You do not need a Facebook account to watch.)

Living Faith Website:

- ◆ Go to: livingfaithracine.org
 - ⇒ Click on "News"
 - ⇒ Click on "Online Worship Services"

A recorded version of our service will be posted to our website after the live service has ended. **Please note:** Recordings are generally posted an hour after the service has ended, due to processing time of the video.



Summer Sunday Fun

What a great time we had at Summer Sunday Fun during the month of June and becoming an official “F.R.O.G. er” (Forever Rely On God) will definitely be the highlight of my summer!

Our first singing debut at Celebration Sunday was a special treat in honor of the Godly Play Sunday School program! An added bonus was meeting the kiddos down at Zoo Beach to gather the “precious stones” to be used for “Milestones.”

We look forward to Godly Play Sunday School starting up again on Sunday, September 12th and are happy to announce that at the Sunday service during the months of July and August, Pastor Bill will be inviting the children up for a Children’s Sermon!

Have a “hoppy” and safe summer and God Bless! Karin & Vicki



F.R.O.G.ers Stephanie, Jaxon & Julien at Zoo Beach, gathering stones to be used as “Milestones”



Celebration Sunday

We wish to thank everyone, especially the Worship & Music Team, who helped make Sunday, June 27th a very special celebration of the West Campus ministries, the traditions and the members who made church happen in that holy place! “Milestones” was one of the cherished traditions at the West Campus and was



introduced by Margaret Robinson. It is a time to share the special concerns and events in our lives with our Living Faith family as a precious stone is transferred from one basket to another. We will look forward to that tradition each Sunday as the Worship & Music Team continues to bring the best of both campuses together. We wish to thank you for your patience and your shared ideas. We pray the Holy Spirit will guide us in the future and help us to fulfill our vision and mission.

Wishing you all God’s blessings each and every day!



Special thanks to everyone who helped make our Celebration Sunday F.R.O.G. Fest Outdoor Coffee Hour a great success. The frog cookies, treats and centerpieces were awesome. Thank you all for taking that “Leap of Faith” together and “Forever Relying On God!”



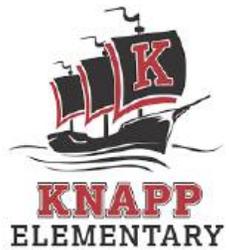
Lent 2021: 40 Days of Loving Our Neighbors in Need - Mission Accomplished!



The 22 boxes of Personal Care Kits were delivered by Tom & Vicki Siefert to Brethren Church in Elgin, Illinois, an “Ingathering” location for LWR quilts and kits being shipped to the warehouse in Maryland for final distribution.

Thank you again for your generous donations and please watch the Journey for ways you can help with the Fall Lutheran World Relief collection of Quilts, Sewing Kits, School Kits, Baby Care Kits and Personal Care Kits.

News from Knapp



Rich Wytonick, principal at Knapp Elementary, reports that this was one of their most difficult years and understandably so with the challenges of COVID. Once the children had the opportunity to either come back to the classroom or stay at home and learn virtually, it was even more difficult for the staff to be teaching both on line and in classroom at the same time. Hopefully summer will bring them all some respite and a renewal of their mind, body and spirit.

It's Time to Gather Items for Lutheran World Relief School Kits

A School Kit contains the following items:



Photo Credit: Lutheran World Relief (lwr.org)

- 4 70-sheet notebooks (no loose-leaf paper) *
- 1 ruler with centimeters and inches *
- 1 pencil sharpener *
- 1 blunt scissors *
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons *
- 1 2½" eraser
- 1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style bag about 14" x 17" *

**These are the items we need the most*

“To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not. Public school is usually free, but in the places where LWR works, even a few required supplies, like pens and paper, may be more than many families can afford. And when parents can only afford to send one of their children to school, girls rarely get priority...yet the education level of mothers has the biggest impact on development.” (Quoted from the Lutheran World Relief website.)

Now that we're back to in-person worship, you can bring your donations to church with you. **Another option:** Sponsor a School Kit for \$15, and we will purchase the needed items. Please mark any offering given for this purpose “School Kit.”

Thank you for your support of people in crisis around the world!

Join the All New Tech Team! - We're looking for Tech Team members to learn our Live Streaming system, to help support us as we worship in person again. Initially, we'll utilize simple smart phone technology, then progress to a cinema camera with zoom and wireless microphones. Please call Chuck Frahm at 262-886-5810 to sign up.



Let's Get Moving!



"Let's Get Moving" is an hour-long gentle "chair based" exercise program and is a fun way to improve your health and flexibility. The program, led by licensed instructor Arlene Verborg, is open to everyone!

Dates: Session #2: Ends July 7
Time: 11:00am - 12 Noon
Location: Fellowship Hall



Rebekah Circle

The Rebekah Circle invites all members of the congregation (male and female) to join them for their summer Bible study called "Just Love." This summer we will be tackling the challenging topics of racism, white supremacy and white privilege and what the Bible has to say to us about them.

Follow this link for more information: [Summer 2021: Just love, Part 2 - Gather Magazine](#). At the end of the explanation, there is another link to the author's You Tube discussion of the study. Highly recommended. The Rebekah Circle meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:15. For more information, contact Joy Webb at 639-2629.

Altar Flowers - Honor a special occasion or place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one.

Living Faith is working with Flowers by Eileen, who will provide an arrangement for as little as \$25.00. Please call the church office or fill out the long yellow sheet to sign up.



Name Tags are Back in Fashion - Pastor Bill says

"Thank You" for wearing name tags on Sunday morning! It has helped him to get to know who we are as well as helping us remember who we are as we get reacquainted and meet new friends! Supplies for making name tags will be at each entrance and there is a special blue name tag holder at each entrance for you to keep them till next week. *Let's be like Cheers: A place where everybody knows your name!*

Free Pianos - Due to our consolidation, we have two extra upright pianos. They are free of charge, but the moving expense would be your responsibility.

If you are interested, please contact Ollie or Candy to arrange for pick-up.





“Junk in the Trunk” Fundraiser & Bake Sale

The South and West parking lots will be transformed into a “Flea Market” like atmosphere with happy sellers offering a huge variety of treasures! We will also throw in a Bake Sale, music and a friendly welcome to our neighbors and the community!

All proceeds will go to our “Fix It Fund!” Invite your family & friends for a fun day with lots of activity and excitement!

Baked goods, jams and jellies are needed for the “Junk in the Trunk” Bake Sale. Please call Alice Frahm at 262-886-5810 to let her know you will be

bringing goodies pre-packaged and ready to sell. Thanks!

“Fix-It” Campaign Projects

We need some “handy” volunteers to help work on various projects, and generous members who can really help, by donating a few dollars to our “Fix-it” Campaign. Please drop your donations into the clear box located near the side door into the sanctuary or put in the envelope provided. Our wonderful church building needs continual “tender loving care.” To volunteer to help, contact Ollie Nielsen at the office, or sign up on the yellow sheet inside the Sunday church bulletin. Thank you so much!



“Fix-it” Team Projects:

1. The windows on all three levels along the south and east corner of the building need scraping and re-painting.
2. The wrought iron gate into the courtyard needs sanding and repainting.
3. The wrought iron railing on the front entrance needs sanding and repainting.
4. The section of the wood fence along the south parking area needs to be re-positioned and re-enforced. (Snowplow damage).
5. Re-mulching is needed around the church perimeter.
6. Bushes along the east side of the building need to be trimmed.

Major Projects:

1. Parking lot sink hole and cracked asphalt both need repair.
2. Boiler computer control system needs to be replaced.
3. Parking lot re-striping needs to be done.
4. Additional brick tuck pointing needed.
5. Water damage needs to be repaired in the Sanctuary, east stairway wall and storage room ceiling.
6. Some of the older bathroom fixtures need to be updated and replaced.
7. Air conditioner outlet pipe needs to be relocated.
8. A tree needs to be taken down, located between the south neighbor’s garage and our wood fence.

THANK YOU

Thank You!

A special "thank you" goes to our two very important and talented tech-team members: Bob Reinders and

Perry Rossmiller. They're responsible for our weekly "live-streaming" productions.

Another grateful "thank you" goes to Karin Langlois, our Council President. She is responsible for our church receiving the \$2,000.00 Synod Tech grant towards the purchase of the upgraded Live-streaming system we need.

We also send out a huge "thank you" to an anonymous member who offered to pay the \$1,390.00 balance for the system. How wonderful and generous! The components have been ordered.

FUNDRAISING



Fix It Campaign Update

Our current balance in the Fix It Fund is \$4,452.52 after receiving two generous donations during the month of June of \$1,000 each! *Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!*

We have no new expenses to report as of this writing and the grand total that we have raised thus far for the Fix It Campaign is \$22,478.52! This is an ongoing campaign and we welcome any donations made that makes it possible for us to address necessary repairs and have the funds on hand to pay the cost. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Ollie is always looking for volunteers for his "Fix-It Team," so if you have a special repair talent or just like to putter with projects, please give Ollie a call.

News from the Crazy Scrip Lady!

Happy 4th of July! I hope you're having lots of summer fun – even if it is still socially distanced.

There's still time to use Scrip to get a gift for that special graduate and help our church continue its ministries. Whether you're buying them a new computer (like we did for our son), getting them something fun, or stocking up on supplies for a college dorm room, there are Scrip cards for over 100 retailers available.

I think it's worth repeating: Why buy your gift cards from us when they're available at stores like Walmart or Target? All of the retailers for the gift cards you see for sale pay to have their cards there. If you buy the cards from us, Living Faith gets the profit, but if you buy them in the store, the



store – Walmart, Target, or whatever store you're at – gets the profit. **It really does come down to "who do you want to support?"**

Now that we are back to in-person worship, you can talk to Dick or Karin Langlois before or after the service to get your Scrip. If you're not comfortable returning to church yet, we would still be happy to deliver it to you (this could be done without direct contact, just call me and we'll figure it out) or we can mail it to you.

Call me, Karin Langlois, at 262-672-0635 or email me at cinders216@yahoo.com to order your Scrip. I can also email you a copy of the order form or send you a paper copy. **Please note:** Orders are usually placed on Sunday evening, so please have orders in or contact me by Sunday afternoon.

TerraCycle Update

Focus: Swiffer™ Refill Program (*Swiffer ONLY at this time.*)



It's been in the local news and it's been talked about in recent forums: **Our local Kes-trel Hawk Landfill will be closed within the next several years unless all of us step up to extend its life. The only way to extend that life is to put less in it.** Let's use TerraCycle® to keep some of those hard to recycle items out of the landfill & earn a little cash for our ministries at the same time.

One of those hard to recycle items, refill pads and dusters for Swiffer™ products, are a popular, easy cleaning choice. BUT, they end up in our landfill because they cannot be recycled curbside. Swiffer™ has partnered with eco-innovator TerraCycle® to provide a second life for them. Together we can convert these would-be waste materials into fun and unique products!

Turning in your collections is easy. **A TerraCycle® collection box is conveniently located inside the south entrance.**

Swiffer™ Refill Program accepted waste: Swiffer™ only dry refills, wet refills, XL refills, WetJet™ Refills, and Duster™ Refills

Remember: We can ONLY ACCEPT THE ITEMS WE FOCUS ON in these updates. Other recyclable items should be put in your recycle bin at your home. Thank You!

Mail 'em or Save 'em When You Have 'em!

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting and bringing in the Box Tops for Education symbols. Eventually, the Box Tops program will become digital-only.



Remember: When you see "No More Clipping" means just what it says - we can't turn in that symbol for credit.

When you see that symbol, you have 2 choices:

1. Follow the directions for choosing Knapp School to receive the credit at BTFE.com & download the Box Tops app to your smart phone (you will use your phone to take a picture of your receipt through the app), or
2. **Bring your receipt to church within a week of getting it, put it in the offering plate,** and Karin Langlois will make sure Knapp gets the credit for you. (Mark your envelope ATTN: Karin Langlois.)

As an added plus, during their transition to all-digital, Box Tops for Education will award credit for both ways of collecting. Questions? Contact Karin Langlois: 262-672-0635.

FAITHWORKS FOOD PANTRY
Tuesdays 1:00-3:00 pm
Thursdays 5:00-7:00 pm

COMMUNITY MEAL
Sundays 4:30 pm

Living Faith East Campus
2915 Wright Avenue, Racine

Office@LivingFaithRacine.org
www.LivingFaithRacine.org
www.Facebook.com/LivingFaithRacine
www.Instagram.com/Living_Faith_Racine

"The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations." - Pope John Paul II

July Readings

July 4: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5
 Psalm: Psalm 123
 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
 Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

July 11: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

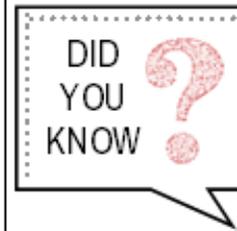
First Reading: Amos 7:7-15
 Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13
 Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14
 Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

July 18: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6
 Psalm: Psalm 23
 Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22
 Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 25: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44
 Psalm: Psalm 145:10-18
 Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21
 Gospel: John 6:1-21



If another 10 people buy just ONE \$25 gas card each month, the monthly Scrip donation coming to Living Faith would increase by \$120.

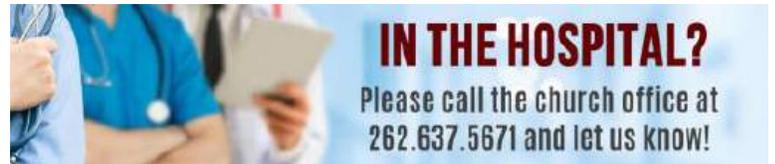
That's another \$1,440 a year to support our ministries! Get your SCRIP today!

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9am-2:30pm
 Wednesday, Friday: 7:00am-1:00pm

The office is open by appointment only.

Call the office at 262-637-5671 if you'd like to stop in.



SUPPORT LIVING FAITH EVERY TIME YOU SHOP!

Are you doing more online shopping during the pandemic? Remember Amazon Smile - a simple way for you to support Living Faith every time you shop, at no cost to you.



To get started:

1. Go to smile.amazon.com
2. Click the "Get Started" box
3. Type in Living Faith Lutheran Church
4. Look in the list until you find Living Faith Lutheran Church that says Racine, WI
5. Hit the SELECT button
6. Shop as you normally would and 0.5% will go to Living Faith!



Newsletter Deadlines

August Journey: July 20
 Weekly Journey: Tuesdays at noon

Articles & photos should be sent to:
diane@livingfaithracine.org.

If you are not receiving *The Journey* please call the office and let us know.

Service Times

Sunday Worship Services (Wright & Quincy) 9:30am

Living Faith Church Office Hours (Wright & Quincy)

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 2:30pm
 Wednesday and Friday 7:00am - 1:00pm

Living Faith Staff

Ministers The People of Living Faith Lutheran Church
 Interim Pastor Rev. Bill Mains
 Administrative Secretary Candy Hernandez
 Bookkeeper Larry Borchert
 Organist/Pianist Jill Wanggaard
 Organist/Pianist Tina Sander
 Pianist Tina Tempesta
 Part time Janitorial Ollie Nielsen
 Part time Maintenance Guy Koleske
 Senior Friendship Center Director Vicki Siefert
 Nutrition Site Supervisor Joyce White
 'The Journey' Editor Diane Thygeson

Staff E-mail Addresses

Pastor Bill Mains rbill@livingfaithracine.org
 Candy Hernandez candy@livingfaithracine.org
 Larry Borchert larry@livingfaithracine.org
 Diane Thygeson diane@livingfaithracine.org

General Church E-mail Address

Living Faith E-mail office@livingfaithracine.org
 Living Faith Website www.livingfaithracine.org
 Living Faith Facebook www.facebook.com/LivingFaithRacine
 Living Faith Instagram www.instagram.com/living_faith_racine

Locations

Living Faith East Campus 2915 Wright Avenue, Racine
 Living Faith West Campus 8700 Durand Avenue, Sturtevant

FaithWorks Food Pantry

Volunteer Food Pantry Coordinator Margaret Robinson & June Klingbeil
 Food Pantry Hours Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00pm, Thursdays 5:00 - 7:00pm
 Food Pantry Facebook www.facebook.com/faithworksfoodpantryracine
 Food Pantry E-mail mrobinson8622@att.net

Living Faith Lutheran Church

2915 Wright Avenue

Racine, WI 53405-5094

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The JOURNEY

A monthly publication of Living Faith Lutheran Church

◆ IN THIS ◆
ISSUE

- ◆ A Message from Pastor Bill - "A Disciple's Path"
- ◆ Summer Sunday Fun
- ◆ Celebration Sunday
- ◆ Junk in the Trunk Fundraiser & Bake Sale
- ◆ "Fix-It" Campaign Project List
- ◆ Thank you!

With open hearts and minds for all God's people, we strive to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.